

THIS WEEK:

Thurs 6.30 pm Christian Meditation Group, St Stephen's

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June 14th St Stephen's Committee away day
 June 15th Tea party for the new St Stephen's School reception parents
 June 22nd Whole church barbecue celebration for the feast of St Stephen and St Thomas.

NEXT SUNDAY: 15 June 2008 Fourth Sunday after Trinity**10 am SUNG EUCHARIST**

Celebrant and Preacher – The Reverend Dr Bob Mayo
 Romans 5.1-8 (p.281), Matthew 9.35 - 10.8(p.282)

I am gathering names for people who are interested in being confirmed later in the year. Confirmation is the Church of England version of adult baptism. It is a chance to explore the Christian faith further, to go to a big service, to have your family make a fuss of you and to meet the bishop of London. If you are interested let me know 07969 090907

Dates for the diary

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Men's Breakfast – bacon, egg, fried bread, tomato, coffee, orange juice.
 Saturday 28th June at 11 am. Who would be interested?

In September we get a curate!! Anne Cowley will double the size of our staff team (from one to two). Her ordination will be held at St Paul's Cathedral at 5 pm on Saturday 28 June. I will be going to the service and would love it if some people were able to come with me. If you are interested please talk with Marjorie or me.



8 June 2008
Third Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to St Stephen & St Thomas Church
 Visit the church web site at www.ststephensw12.org.
 You can read all the latest news about the parish.
 You can also read the sermons which are posted each week

Processional Hymn**Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts **whereby we call you Father:** give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought **to the glorious liberty of the children of God;** through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading***Genesis 12.1-2 (p271)***

¹The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

Romans 4.18-25 (p274)

¹⁸Hoping against hope, Abraham believed that he would become 'the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ²³Now the words, 'it

